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SUBJECT: NATO SUMMIT - INVITATION TO AVEROF

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1. CONCERNING DELIVERY TO GREEK MOD (REFTEL A) OF
COURTESY COPY OF SECDEF INVITATION TO SUMMIT DEFENSE
PROGRAM (REFTEL B), WE WISH TO AVOID SITUATION WHERE
GREEKS COULD LATER CLAIM THAT THEY WERE NOT AWARE OF,
OR AFFORDED OPPORTUNITY OF ACCEPTING OR DECLINING,
INVITATION. IN ADDITION, GREEKS HAVE SHOWN STRONG
SUBSTANTIVE INTEREST IN LTDP EVEN THOUGH THEIR IMMEDI-
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ATE POLITICAL NEEDS PREVENT AVEROF'S PARTICIPATION IN
SUMMIT DEFENSE PROGRAM.

2. WE THEREFORE BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE TO DELIVER COPY
OF INVITATION (USING "I VERY MUCH HOPE..." INTRODUCTION)
WITH COMMENT THAT ACTION IS COURTESY FOR MOD SO THAT
GREEKS WOULD KNOW OF SECDEF INVITATION TO NATO COLLEAGUES.

WE ARE PREPARED, HOWEVER, TO ACCEPT JUDGMENT OF EMBASSY
ON SPOT, IF IT CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THIS APPROACH WOULD
BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. CHRISTOPHER

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